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SUBJECT: JAPANESE REQUEST FOR HELP IN SHIPMENT OF HEU

REF: VIENNA 07066

1. CONCERNED U.S. EXECUTIVE BRANCH AGENCIES AGREE THAT OF
THE VARIOUS ALTERNATIVES AVAILABLE TO THE JAPANESE FOR
SHIPPING HEU FROM FRG TO JAPAN, THE MOST PROMISING ALTERNA-
TIVES NOW APPEAR TO INVOLVE BREAKING THE TOTAL QUANTITY
INVOLVED INTO INDIVIDUAL SHIPMENTS OF LESS THAN 5 KGS EACH.

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ON THE OTHER HAND, HOWEVER, IT IS NOT CLEAR FROM INFORMA-
TION IN REFTEL THAT THE POSSIBILITY OF USING EITHER
SCHEDULED OR CHARTER FLIGHTS TO JAPANESE AIRPORTS OTHER
THAN NARITA HAS BEEN FULLY EXPLORED BY JAERI AND/OR THE
CONCERNED GOJ AGENCIES. THE POSSIBILITY OF SURFACE (SHIP)
TRANSPORT SHOULD ALSO BE EXPLORED.

2. GIVEN THE PRESENT MISSION OF U.S. MILITARY AIRLIFT COMMAND (MAC), WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT THE POSSIBILITY OF USING MAC PLANES COULD BE RESOLVED IN TIME TO AVOID INTERRUPTION OF JMTR FUEL SUPPLY. HOWEVER, WE ARE NOW STUDYING THE POSSIBILITY OF USING MILITARY AIRPORTS IN THE UNITED STATES AS TRANSHIPMENT POINTS FOR COMMERCIAL SHIPMENTS OF SPECIAL NUCLEAR MATERIALS AND IT IS POSSIBLE THAT

THE RESULTS OF THIS STUDY COULD HAVE IMPLICATIONS FOR THE USE FOR THIS PURPOSE OF U.S. MILITARY AIRPORTS, BOTH WITHIN THE U.S. AND ABROAD.

3. PENDING THE COMPLETION OF STUDY REFERRED TO IN PARA 2, WHICH NOT EXPECTED PRIOR TO SEPT 30 AND MORE DETAILED REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF THE OVERALL PROBLEM OF HEU TRANSPORT, WE CAN ONLY SUGGEST THAT JAERI EXPLORE ALL POSSIBLE AVENUES OPEN TO RESOLUTION OF THEIR HEU SHIPPING PROBLEM BY RESPONSIBLE GOJ AGENCIES. IN THIS REGARD, WE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN HAVING MORE INFORMATION ON THE AMOUNT AND DATE OF ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE PLUTONIUM SHIPMENT FROM THE U.K. TO JAPAN TO WHICH MR. HIRATA REFERRED (PARA 8 REFTEL).

4. WITH REGARD TO QUESTION OF WHETHER U.S. IMPORT/EXPORT LICENSE WOULD BE REQUIRED FOR MATERIALS TRANSITING THE U.S., NRC REGULATIONS DO NOT REQUIRE SUCH LICENSES PRO-
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5. FOR TOKYO: WE WOULD APPRECIATE HAVING EMBASSY VIEWS ON POSSIBILITY OF USING JOINT OR CO-LOCATED USAF/JAPANESE AIRPORTS AS RECEIVING POINT(S) FOR SHIPMENTS OF HEU DESTINED FOR USE IN JAPANESE CIVIL NUCLEAR PROGRAMS. VANCE

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